

Appl. No. 10/817,460

Amdt. Dated November 22, 2005

Reply to Office Action of August 25, 2005

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the non-final Office action mailed August 25, 2005. Reexamination and reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully solicited.

Claims 14, 16-18, and 21-25 are now pending in this application, with Claims 14, 16, and 21 being the independent claims. Claims 14, and 16-18 have been amended, Claims 21-25 are newly presented, and Claims 1-13, 15, 19, and 20 have been canceled herein. No new matter is believed to have been added.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,553,474 (Wong et al.). This rejection is respectfully traversed, at least in light of the above-amendments.

Independent Claim 14 and newly presented independent Claim 21 each recite, *inter alia*, a feature that the Office action indicated as being allowable. Namely, each now recites the secondary controller, and associated functionality. Moreover, independent Claim 16 has been amended herein to recite, *inter alia*, that the outflow valve is opened if the difference between cabin pressure and atmospheric pressure exceeds a first threshold value and the outflow valve atmospheric pressure input is de-isolated, and if the difference between cabin pressure and atmospheric pressure exceeds a second threshold value and the outflow valve atmospheric pressure input is isolated. Applicants' do not understand Wong et al. to disclose, or even remotely suggest, this feature.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 102 rejection is respectfully solicited.

Conclusion

Based on the above, independent Claims 14, 16, and 21 are patentable over the citations of record. The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable for the reasons given above with respect to the independent claims and because each recite

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features which are patentable in its own right. Individual consideration of the dependent claims is respectfully solicited.

The other art of record is also not understood to disclose or suggest the inventive concept of the present invention as defined by the claims.

Hence, Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejections set forth in the above-noted Office action, and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number.

If for some reason Applicant has not paid a sufficient fee for this response, please consider this as authorization to charge Ingrassia, Fisher & Lorenz, Deposit Account No. 50-2091 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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